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N.Z. NOTES AND COMMENT

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N.Z. 'Railway Charges' Stamps. There were 14 values in this series, ranging from ½d to 10/-, and they were in current use from 1925 to 1959. A lifespan of 34 years, however, belies their scarcity. There were two chief reasons for this. Firstly, their use from 1951 onwards was restricted to prepayment of railage on newspapers and other press matter only. Far more importantly, however, when the stamps were first introduced, it was also possible to send goods by rail **without** the use of stamps, on a consignee-to-pay basis — but the cost of doing so was 25% higher than by the prepayment-with-stamps method! Human nature being what it is, most would plump for the cheaper method. But due to public outcry the surcharge lasted only until 1928, and naturally from this point on the use of the stamps declined rapidly — so they were really only widely used for just over three years.

Aside from the 'to-pay' premium, there were other surcharges too — some rather puzzling, some amusing. In the former category, for instance, parcels consigned to some main centres, including Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, were surcharged at the rate of 6d a cwt. (or part cwt.). One could understand such a surcharge if it had been on parcels addressed to outlandish places, but why on those to centres of population? A bit like the present-day tendency to load commuter fares in S.E. England, perhaps? In the amusing class, there was a 25% surcharge on parcels containing bath chairs, birds in cages, dress-stands, rocking horses, stags heads (whether mounted or unmounted, if you please!), and typewriters (loose); and no less than 100% surcharge on parcels containing canoes, crackers (Chinese variety), and "fuzes" (presumably this is the same as fuse). In addition, the maximum weight of Chinese crackers carried through the Parcels Dept. by any one train was not to exceed 14lbs. Presumably, though, every passenger on any given train could privately carry as many crackers as he liked in his luggage, just so long as there wasn't more than a stone of the things in the guard's van!

Another regulation stipulated that: "Where the nature of the package does not permit of the stamps being attached thereto, they may be affixed to a tie-on label to be supplied by the consignor". Apparently this led to no end of trouble when, for instance, dogs were sent by rail as freight. No doubt bored stiff by the journey chained up in a guard's van, some of these poor animals were known to chew up — or worse still chew off altogether — the address tags to which the stamps prepaying their trip were attached, and the resulting red tape and paperwork drove the railway clerical staff at the arrival end to distraction.

The decline in the use of these railway charges stamps was highlighted in 1940, when the Assistant Audit Inspector reported that at one particular station, the total stock of stamps held was one penny, and added that none had been sold at that station "for some time".

(I am indebted to Volume 6 of the "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" for much of the material used in the above note).

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SCARCE CANCELLATION

Pair of 1d Second Sideface with complete impression in violet of the straight-line 'MARSDEN POINT' obliterator (Vol. 3, page 48, type 40), used temporarily at that office in the early 1890's — the stamps are additionally cancelled by the manuscript date 26/2/91 £37.50

1898 — 1908 PICTORIALS

A selection of mint blocks from the superb Michael Burberry collection of these beautiful issues. To avoid repetition, condition is of the finest unless otherwise stated.

1102(a) **½d London Print (E1a).** Corner block of 12 (3 x 4) in purple-brown, showing the additional guide lines which were peculiar to plate 2. On original album leaf with full write-up £20.00

(b) **As above.** Two blocks of 4, in shades of purple-slate and blackish-purple respectively. The former is on paper with clear vertical mesh, the latter equally clearly horizontal mesh, proving that the 'London' paper is found both ways .. £25.00

1103 **1d London Print (E2a).** Large block of 60 (comprising the bottom three-quarters of a sheet, with selvedge almost complete. From frame plate 1, and including the three minor re-entries (at R4/4, 6/3 and 7/7) — these are unlisted in the Handbooks — as well as the series of guidemarks in the gutter between rows 4 and 5 £50.00

1104(a) **1½d Boer War Contingent (E4a).** Corner block of 4 (in pale chestnut) with sheet serial number. All four stamps show re-entries, R2/12 being the magnificent one widely held to be the best of any to be found in N.Z. stamps £65.00

(b) **As above.** Bottom marginal block of 6 including the good R8/7 frame retouch. On written-up album leaf, with other minor varieties annotated and illustrated . £40.00

(c) **As above.** Bottom right corner block of 4, perf. 14 (E4b), with dandy roll no. '4' watermarked in the corner of the selvedge £35.00

1105 **2d London Print (E5a).** Bottom selvedge block of 4 in rosy lake. Scarce, especially so in fine mint block £75.00

1106 **2½d Lake Wakitipu (E7a).** Corner block of 4 in sky-blue, with sheet serial number 61, and including, on R11/9, the only listed variety on this 'error of spelling' stamp (EV7a) £25.00

1107	2½d Lake Wakatipu, London Print (E8a). Block of 20 (4 x 5) in deep blue. Bottom left stamp, plated to R12/1, shows an unrecorded re-entry, with clear doubling of the left frame	£95.00
1108	2½d Lake Wakatipu, Perf. 14 (E8d). Corner block of 30 (5 x 6) in dark blue including, on R3/5, the only recorded local plate variety, in the form of an extra line of colour between W and A of WAKATIPU	£100.00
1109	3d London Print (E9a). A magnificent corner block of 6 with sheet serial number. No varieties — just an intrinsically beautiful block	£100.00
1110(a)	3d Perf. 11 Unwatermarked (E9b). Two marginal blocks of 4 (in differing shades), one including the major R1/10 re-entry, the other with two minor re-entries (on R4/11 and 5/11). The latter block has a vertical crease affecting two stamps. Both are displayed on an album leaf, with superb hand-drawn illustrations of the varieties. The page	£70.00
	(b) As above. Marginal block of 9, including no less than four re-entries (R3/10, 3/12, 4/11, 5/11). Again on fully illustrated album leaf	£90.00
1111(a)	4d Terraces (E11a). Two blocks of 4 in brilliantly contrasting shades of deep lake rose and pale dull rose. Each block includes a plated re-entry — in the 'lake', R7/6 (minor), and in the 'dull-rose', R2/5 (major)	£115.00
	(b) As above. Corner block of 8, in the deep rose shade, with sheet serial number, and including two major re-entries (R1/10, 2/9) and one minor (R1/12). On illustrated album page ..	£100.00
1112(a)	4d Lake Taupo, Perf. 11, Unwatermarked (E12a). Marginal block of 4 (deep blue/bistre brown) with the outstanding R1/3 frame plate re-entry. One of Michael Burberry's superbly executed illustrations shows the extent of the doubling ..	£35.00
	(b) As above. Another block, in indigo/yellow brown, including the R3/5 centre plate re-entry (EV12c)	£27.50
	(c) As above. An immaculate corner block of 9 with the distinctive greenish-blue centres	£50.00
1113(a)	4d Perf. 11, Watermarked (E12b). Marginal block of 4	£25.00
	(b) As above. Corner block of 24 (6 x 4), including the listed R8/10 re-entry ...	£160.00
1114	4d Perf. 14 (E12c). Three blocks of 4, showing superb shades of both centres and frames. One of the blocks has the variety wmk. reversed (not rare in this issue)	£62.50
1115	4d Mixed Perfs. (E12e). Marginal block of 4, the upper pair showing the rare perf. variety 'mixed 11 and 14'	£385.00
1116	4d Perf. 14 x 12½ — 13¼ (E12f). Corner block of 4 of the 1908 comb perf. issue, including the R2/2 centre plate flaw (a constant variety)	£57.50

- 1117 5d Perf. 11, Watermarked (E13c).** Red-brown block of 4, upper right stamp showing a prominent, apparently constant, but as yet unplated flaw, consisting of a near-horizontal row of six distinct dots on the lower right slope of the snowy peak in the background £57.50
- 1118 6d Green, Perf. 11, Unwatermarked (E14b).** Marginal block of 12 (4 x 3) in pale green — a rare multiple. Although the gum is somewhat messy, facially the block is absolutely pristine £450.00
- 1119 6d Red.** Block of 4 from the July 1902 emergency printing on paper watermarked 'LISBON SUPERFINE'. (E14d). As the watermark appeared only once in each sheet, most of the stamps are unwatermarked (only between 12 and 24 per sheet, depending upon registration, showed part of the watermark). Watermarked copies are therefore especially desirable — this block has the letters LI SUP .. £275.00
- 1120 6d Perf. 11, Watermarked (E14e).** Corner block of 4 with sheet serial number, and including the prominent plate flaw on R9/12 (which partly obliterates the 'Z') £100.00
- 1121(a) 6d Perf. 14.** A superb block of 4 in deep pink £90.00
- (b) As above.** The only non-block in the listing — this is a pair with full corner selvage, the entire piece being without trace of a watermark £75.00

(To be continued next month — if by then any are left !)

MINIATURE SHEETS AND VARIETIES

All offers are unmounted mint.

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| 1122 Complete set of 57 miniature sheets, including 1957–1986 Health (both wmk's of the 1957 issue are included) and all 8 commemorative mini-sheets, completely unhinged mint. Priced individually below at £355 + and offered to Bulletin subscribers only at | £290.00 |
|--|---------|
- 1123(a) 1957 Health, Sideways Watermark (T29a/b, S.G. MS762b)** £8.50
- (b) As above.** Two 2d sheets in lovely green contrasts, pale and deep £12.50
- (c) As above.** Two 3d sheets printed on remarkably different papers £12.50
- 1124(a) 1957 Health, Upright Watermark. (T29c/d, S.G. MS762c)** £20.00
- (b) As above.** Two 2d sheets with black centre shades (black and grey-black) — also good green contrasts £20.00
- (c) As above.** 2d sheet with numerous small flaws in the green £10.00
- 1125(a) 1958 Health (T30a/b, S.G. MS765a)** £8.50
- (b) As above.** Two 2d sheets, different papers and gums £12.50
- (c) As above.** 3d sheet, one tent retouched £6.50

1126(a) 1959 Health (T31a/b, S.G. MS777c)	£8.50
(b) As above. Complete replating of the "all-up" printed sheet, 8 mini sheets of each value — supplied with full details	£60.00
(c) As above. 2d sheet with R2/1 black-eyed gull variety	£6.50
(d) As above. Two 2d sheets, superb red background shades	£11.50
(e) As above. Two 2d sheets, (i) both sides selvages perforated; and (ii) left selvedge imperf. ..	£11.50
(f) As above. Three 3d sheets, (i) both side selvages perforated; (ii) left selvedge imperf.; (iii) as (ii) but including part of an extra strike of the perforating head in the left selvedge	£17.50
1127(a) 1960 Health (T32c/d, S.G. MS804b)	£20.00
(b) As above. 2d sheet which has been mis-guillotined — at top wide selvedge at right, at bottom wide selvedge at left	£12.50
1128 1961 Health (T33a/b, S.G. MS807a)	£12.75
1129 1962 Health (T34a/b, S.G. MS813b) ..	£15.00
1130(a) 1963 Health (T35a/b, S.G. MS816a)	£15.00
(b) As above. Two 2½d sheets, in superb blue contrasts (one being a bright shade)	£12.50
(c) As above. 3d sheet showing R2/1 "jam on shirt" variety	£12.50
1131(a) 1964 Health (T36a/b, S.G. MS823a) — now Cat. £125	£37.50
(b) As above. One of each m/s, top and bottom selvages perforated	£37.50
(c) As above. One of each m/s, top selvedge imperf.	£37.50
(d) As above. Two 3d sheets, in fine blue contrasts	£37.50
1132 1965 Health (T37a/b, S.G. MS832b)	£17.00
1133(a) 1966 Health (T38a/b, S.G. MS841)	£17.00
(b) As above. One of each value, all 4 selvages perforated	£17.00
(c) As above. One of each value, left selvedge imperf.	£17.00
(d) As above. Three variety sheets; 3d surplus brown ink on stamps 2 and 3; 3d yellow shift to right resulting in some white flowers; and 4d short stroke in 2/6	£40.00
1134 1967 Health (T39a/b, S.G. MS869)	£12.75
1135(a) 1968 Health (T40a/b, S.G. MS889)	£12.75

(b) As above. 3c sheet, with diagonal white streaks in the blue background on stamp 6	£12.50
1136(a) 1969 Health (T41a/b, S.G. MS902)	£12.75
(b) As above. Two 2½c sheets, superb purple contrasts, also very good red shades .	£15.00
(c) As above. Two 3c sheets, completely different gums (white and cream)	£15.00
1137(a) 1969 Capt. Cook (SM 122—5, S.G. MS910)	£25.00
(b) As above. Sheet with the 18c retouch above Solandri (the brown colour of the 18c is a notably pale shade)	£30.00
(c) As above. Sheet with the green 'Tarapex' exhibition hand stamp in the bottom selvedge (not often seen)	£27.50
1138(a) 1970 Health (T42a/b, S.G. MS942)	£12.75
(b) As above. Two 2½c sheets, panel shades of red and orange	£15.00
1139 1971 Health (T43a/b, S.G. MS963)	£12.75
1140 1972 Health (T44a/b, S.G. MS989)	£12.75
1141(a) 1973 Health (T45a/b, S.G. MS1033)	£12.75
(b) As above. 3c sheet with R2/3 "pimple in hair" variety	£10.00
1142 1974 N.Z. Day (SM 182—6, S.G. MS1046)	£1.50
1143(a) 1974 Health (T46b, S.G. MS1057)	£17.50
(b) As above. Two sheets, the cat in shades of purple and chocolate. Delightful	£35.00
1144(a) 1975 Health (T47b, S.G. MS1082)	£15.00
(b) As above. Sheet with R4/2 variety bull's-eye on boy's back	£17.50
1145 1976 Health (T48a—c, S.G. MS1128)	£5.00
1146(a) 1977 Silver Jubilee (SM 220—4, S.G. MS1137)	75p
(b) As above. Replating of the 12 mini sheets that formed the "all-up" printed sheet — full annotation included	£20.00
(c) As above. Sheet with large retouch on stamp 2	£5.00
1147(a) 1977 Health (T49a—c, S.G. MS1152)	£7.50
(b) As above. Sheet with R1/2 hand flaw, and "Butterfly" flaw in left selvedge .	£10.00
(c) As above. Two sheets with lovely tree shades (red-brown and yellow-brown), — one sheet also has R2/3 knee flaw	£17.50

(d) As above. Sheet with a different state of the R2/3 knee flaw	£9.00
1148(a) 1978 Health (T50a/b, S.G. MS1181)	£5.00
(b) As above. Sheet with large R1/2 flaw on the 1929 stamp (a variety which, incidentally, isn't found on the 1929 stamp proper)	£10.00
1149(a) 1979 Health (T51a-c, S.G. MS1200)	£3.50
(b) As above. Sheet with R2/1 flaw (on 0 of 10)	£6.00
1150 1980 Health (T52a-c, S.G. MS1228)	£2.00
1151 1980 Zeapex (SM 260-262, S.G. MS1216)	£2.25
1152 1981 Health (T53a-c, S.G. MS1252)	£2.00
1153(a) 1982 Health (T54a-c, S.G. MS1273)	£2.00
(b) As above. Two sheets on vastly differing papers, one fine the other coarse ...	£6.00
1154 1983 Health (T55a-c, S.G. MS1323)	£1.50
1155 1984 Antarctica Research (SM300-303, S.G. MS1331)	£2.50
1156 1984 Health (T56a-c, S.G. MS1348)	£1.75
1157 1984 Army (SM 313-316, S.G. MS1356)	£2.50
1158 1985 Health (T57a-c, S.G. MS1375)	£1.35
1159 1985 Navy (SM 326-329, S.G. MS1383)	£1.60
1160 1986 Scenic Bay (not yet listed)	85p
1161 1986 Health (not yet listed)	£1.48

LONG FISCALS – PROOFS

A wonderful range of seldom-seen die and plate proofs, from the Michael Burberry collection. All items are imperf., and printed on card.

Die Proofs.

1162 SIX PENCE. Printed in black on large piece (54 x 92mm)	£125.00
1163 TWO SHILLINGS. Printed in black on large piece (60 x 92mm)	£125.00
1164 ONE POUND. Printed in black on large piece (60 x 92mm)	£125.00

Plate Proofs. Some of these are affected by tone spots, and priced accordingly.

1165	FOUR PENCE. Printed in red brown	£4.00
1166	SIX PENCE. Printed in deep dull claret	£6.00
1167	EIGHT PENCE. Printed in deep blue-green	£4.00
1168	ONE SHILLING. Printed in dull pink	£15.00
1169(a)	TWO SHILLINGS. Printed in mauve	£15.00
	(b) As above, but printed in blue	£7.50
1170(a)	TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE. Printed in brown	£15.00
	(b) As above, but with 'COUNTERPART' incorporated in design, and printed in yellow	£6.00
1171	THREE SHILLINGS. Printed in mauve	£9.00
1172	FOUR SHILLINGS. Printed in dull claret	£6.00
1173	FIVE SHILLINGS. Printed in green	£4.00
1174	SIX SHILLINGS. Printed in deep bright rose	£6.00
1175	SEVEN SHILLINGS. Printed in bright ultramarine	£9.00
1176	EIGHT SHILLINGS. Printed in deep blue	£7.50
1177	NINE SHILLINGS. Printed in orange-red	£7.50
1178	TEN SHILLINGS. Printed in dull claret	£6.00
1179	FIFTEEN SHILLINGS. Printed in deep blue-green	£10.00
1180	ONE POUND. Printed in dull pink	£10.00
1181	TWENTY-FIVE SHILLINGS. Printed in bright blue	£12.50
1182	THIRTY SHILLINGS. Printed in deep brown	£17.50
1183	TWO POUNDS. Printed in deep bright mauve	£10.00
1184	FOUR POUNDS. Printed in ultramarine	£6.00
1185	FIVE POUNDS. Printed in deep blue	£7.50
1186	SIX POUNDS. Printed in orange-red	£9.00
1187	TEN POUNDS. Printed in blue	£7.50
1188	TWENTY POUNDS. Printed in yellow	£6.00